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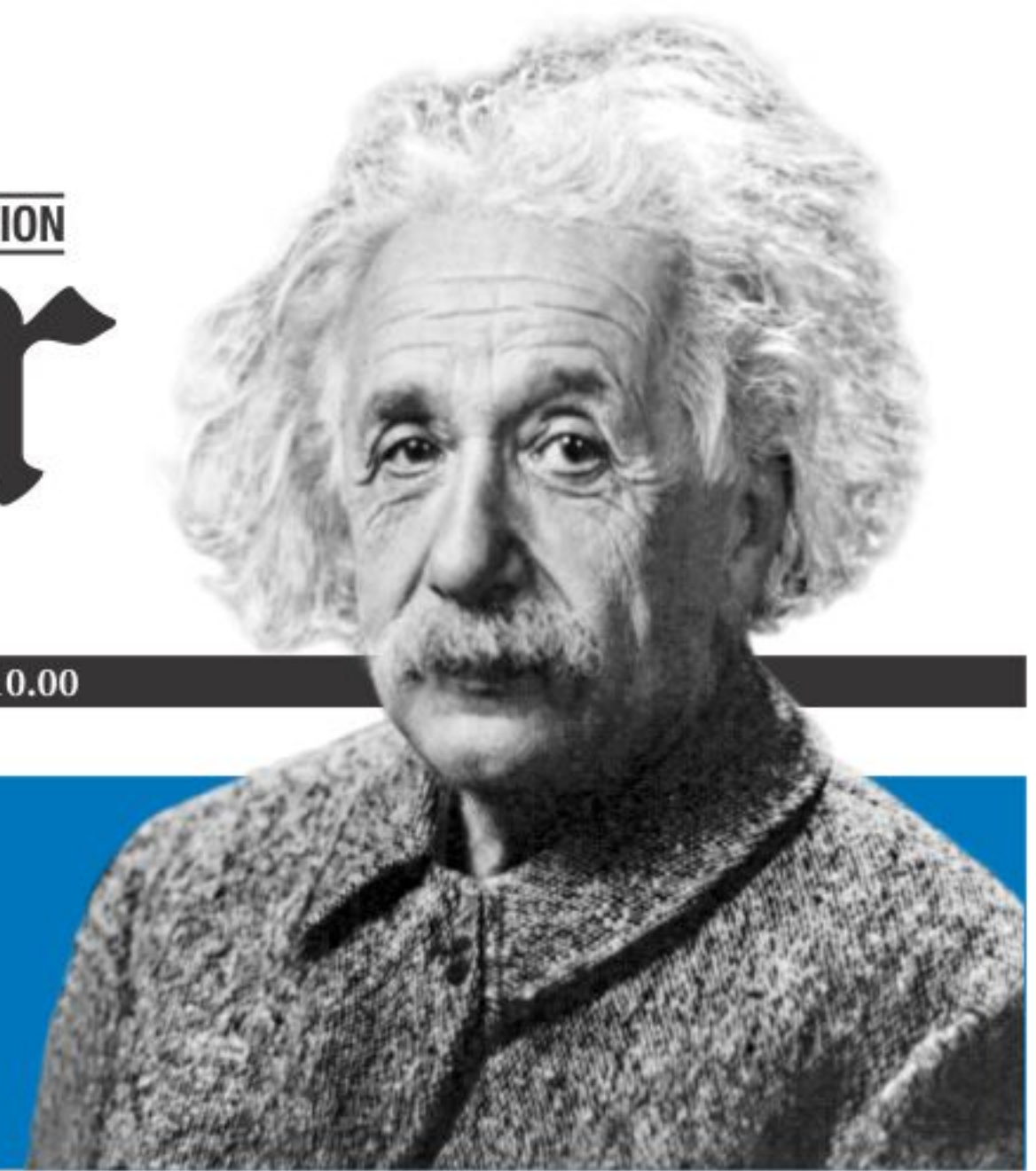
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## ATTACK ON BUDDHISTS

# A devil's design

Fanatics used fake facebook page to run rampage in Ramu



An unprecedented hate campaign against the Buddhist community raged through Ramu, a region known for its communal harmony for centuries until the night of September 29. Eighteen pagodas were damaged and about 50 houses burnt down in six hours of madness by Muslim zealots. **Julfikar Ali Manik** investigated extensively, only to find that the source

It was all faked. The facebook page with an anti-Islam picture that provoked the September 29 rampage against the Buddhist community in Ramu was photoshopped. Somebody or a group had taken a screenshot of Uttam Kumar Barua's facebook profile page, cut out the address of anti-Islam website "Insult allah" and pasted it on the address bar visible in the image. Once the fabrication was done, it looked like "Insult

allah" has shared the anti-Islam image with Uttam and 26 others.

The Daily Star showed the screenshot to IT and graphics experts.

The paper has become sure that it was a manipulation done to frame Uttam, who is a local Buddhist, and wreak mayhem that left 12 Buddhist temples burned to ashes and dozens of houses damaged.

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FINDINGS



UTTAM

- Quran-insulting facebook page was doctored
- Buddhist Uttam was framed
- Radical communal elements were active



MOKTADIR

FARUK

- Two Muslim youths were instrumental in circulating the manipulated webpage
- Of them, Muktadir is a former Shibir activist

## MANUFACTURING MAYHEM

An analysis of a screenshot of Uttam Kumar Barua's so-called facebook page reveals it was not real but manufactured by using a photo-editing tool. This

This is what people saw



**ANOMALIES!**

With pixelations revealed, we find that pixel noise gathers only on the top of the web address text, while it is clean underneath. This is a case of cut and paste. Similarly, the notice of tagged photo shows there is no pixel noise under "Photos of Uttam". This is because this part of the text was copied from another picture and pasted here.

This grab shows pixel noise around all texts, except for "Uttam Kumar Barua and 26 others". If this part were not faked, there would have been noise like that around "Uttam Kumar Barua and 14 others".

Infographics by Sharief



## ANTI-ISLAM PHOTO Slain Iranian's account is the origin

STAR REPORT

The image insulting the holy Quran, seen in Buddhist youth Uttam Kumar Barua's fake facebook profile page, came from the fan page of assassinated Iranian Kourosh Aryamanesh, a Zoroastrian scholar known for his anti-Islam sentiments.

Uttam had no role in generating the image or even promoting the picture, as shown in the printed screenshot of his

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## Fresh plot hatched to hurt democracy

Hasina reiterates no room for unelected people to run country any more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday alleged that a vested quarter is plotting afresh to bring to power unelected forces like the last military-backed caretaker government.

"There are some quarters who want to come to power but do not have the guts to face the people. Democracy in Bangladesh is hampered by these quarters. They have become active



situation and organisational issues.

"Some people, including an internationally renowned lawyer-cum-politician

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## AL NATIONAL COMMITTEE Half-yearly meet held after 10yrs!

SHAKHAWAT LITON and HASAN JAHID TUSHER

The national committee of the ruling Awami League sat yesterday for the first time in more than a decade, though the party constitution stipulates that the committee holds a meeting every six months.

The high-powered committee comprised of central and grassroots leaders did not hold a single meeting, excepting the yesterday's one, since its formation after the national council in December 2002.

The 166-member committee that includes 73 members of AL Central Working Committee (ALCWC) and one elected member from each organisational district has the power to review the central committee's decision and approve the party's income and expenditure.

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## Muktadir, 4 others admit guilt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Abdul Muktadir, a key instigator behind the attacks on Buddhists in Ramu, has admitted to having spread Facebook images among local citizens on the night of September 29, police said yesterday.

Muktadir and his friend Omar Faruk, both currently on a four-day remand, are, however, yet to disclose any further details, said Basu Dutta Chakma, an inspector of

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## Khaleda demands credible probe

Asks party men to protect minority communities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Reiterating her demand for a credible investigation into the recent attack on the Buddhist community, BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday asked her party men to protect the minority communities and ensure their security in every district so that no such violence can be perpetrated again.

"This occurrence has worried Bangladeshis at home and abroad and made our heads hang low before the

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KHALEDA GOES TO CHINA TODAY -- PAGE 2



Limon Hossain scored GPA-4 in his HSC first year examinations under the technical education board. The victim of Rab firing last year, Limon now eyes better results in the final examinations next year, and urges the government to withdraw the false cases filed against him.

PHOTO: STAR

## DISASTER RISK REPORT Bangladesh among top 5 countries

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh is the fifth in the list of 173 countries that are most prone to natural disasters worldwide, according to a report.

Titled "WorldRiskReport 2012", it examines which countries are more at risk from natural disasters than others, what contributes to this risk and what can be done

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## Death toll from storm rises to 31

STAR REPORT

The death toll from Thursday's violent storms rose to 31 as six more bodies were recovered in Monpura and Charfashion upazilas of Bhola yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, two days after the storms swept the coastal districts of Noakhali, Bhola,

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## Teletalk unveils 3G today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The long-awaited 3G mobile service gets underway today via the state-run Teletalk.

"We are going to launch the commercial testing of the 3G technology using our network. We conducted internal testing and it was very successful," said Sunil Kanti Bose, the chairman of Teletalk.

The service would be available in Dhaka for the time being, through the 200-odd 3G-enabled base transceiver stations the state-run operator has installed in the

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Mr. Haji Abdul Majid Mondol, Chairman, Montrims Limited (Mondol Group) is seen posing amongst others with the award - the honor of quality at 37th International Star for Quality Convention GENEVA, September 29-30, 2012.

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